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FROM : Amembassy, KHARTOUM

DATE: October 14, 1964

SUBJECT: Federal Republic of Germany Acts on GOS Complaint About
Unfavorable Press Report

REF :

The Federal Republic has sent a representative of the Federal Office of Information, Hans von BASSEWITZ, to Khartoum. The official Sudan Daily, which gave the visit front page treatment, stated he was here to "determine the steps which should be taken by the press in the Federal Republic in Germany in informing the German people about the progress made in the Sudan in the economic, social and cultural aspects". The German Cultural Attache and Information Officer, Paul KURBJUHN, on the other hand, stated that the visit was actually motivated by frequent criticism levelled in parts of the German press against the Sudan's Southern policy.

Two articles published in the Berliner Morgenpost of August 16 and 23, 1964 had been especially offensive to the GOS. They describe conditions in the Southern Sudan in a lurid, sensational, and one-sided manner. Although a two-column rebuttal by a Sudanese student was printed on the same page as the second article, the impact of the two articles remains overwhelmingly anti-Northern Sudanese, accusing the Arab Sudanese of forced arabization of the negroid South by rape, brutalization, and killings, virtually amounting to genocide.

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Excerpts of two articles

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